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For: SYSTEM FOR LINKING
INFORMATION IN A GLOBAL COMPUTER
NETWORK

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. However, to the extent that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the characterizations of the claims, the summaries of the prior art and the attempts to focus on individual limitations as the basis for patentability contained therein could be interpreted as limiting the scope of the allowed claims, applicant must and does traverse the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

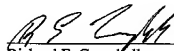
In general, the allowed claims are a large and complex set including three different independent claims. Any attempt to summarize such a claim set or to summarize the basis for the patentability of its members necessarily glosses over many aspects of those claims. Therefore, applicant traverses such statements. For example, no single element or limitation is responsible for the patentability of any one of the claims. Each claim is patentable as a whole.

That includes the dependent claims which introduce additional valuable elements which are not addressed in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

It is applicant's understanding that there is no fee required for this request. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2075, Customer No. 27189.

Respectfully submitted,

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